## § 724.402

### §724.402 Best practices study.

- (a) OPM will conduct a comprehensive study in the executive branch to identify best practices for taking appropriate disciplinary actions against Federal employees for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Anti-discrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws.
- (b) The comprehensive study will include a review of agencies' discussions of their policies for taking such disciplinary actions as reported under §724.302 of subpart C of this part.

#### § 724.403 Advisory guidelines.

OPM will issue advisory guidelines to Federal agencies incorporating the best practices identified under §724.402 that agencies may follow to take appropriate disciplinary actions against employees for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Laws.

### §724.404 Agency obligations.

- (a) Within 30 working days of issuance of the advisory guidelines required by §724.403, each agency must prepare a written statement describing in detail:
- (1) Whether it has adopted the guidelines and if it will fully follow the guidelines:
- (2) If such agency has not adopted the guidelines, the reasons for non-adoption; and
- (3) If such agency will not fully follow the guidelines, the reasons for the decision not to do so and an explanation of the extent to which the agency will not follow the guidelines.
- (b) Each agency's written statement must be provided within the time limit stated in paragraph (a) of this section to the following:
- (1) Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives;
- (2) President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate;
- (3) Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission;
  - (4) Attorney General; and
- (5) Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

# PART 730—NOTIFICATION OF POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS

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## § 730.101 Purpose.

This part implements 5 U.S.C. 7302, which requires agencies to provide written notice to senior executives and other individuals covered by 18 U.S.C. 207(c)(2)(A)(ii) that they are subject to certain post-employment conflict-of-interest restrictions in 18 U.S.C. 207(c).

## § 730.102 Definitions.

Agency means an Executive agency as defined in 5 U.S.C. 105, but does not include the General Accounting Office.

Senior executive means a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES).

## $\S 730.103$ Coverage.

- (a) The following individuals are subject to the post-employment conflict-of-interest restrictions in 18 U.S.C. 207(c), as amended by section 1125(b)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2004:
- (1) Any individual, including a senior executive, who is paid at a rate of basic pay equal to or greater than 86.5 percent of the rate for level II of the Executive Schedule; and
- (2) Any individual, including a senior executive, who as of November 23, 2003, was paid at a rate of basic pay, exclusive of any locality-based comparability payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304, equal to or greater than the rate of basic pay for level 5 of the Senior Executive Service on that date (*i.e.*, \$134,000). These employees are subject to the post-employment restrictions through November 24, 2005, without regard to any subsequent changes in position or pay.
- (b) Nothing in this part affects individuals serving in positions described